

so long sat under that man's ^{Homers} preaching, that I can hardly
escape his manner - and all along. I have been conscious of the
fact, of an imitation which suits me about as well, a shirt does
a bean-pole. - Probably, the people will give me to under-
stand something soon. If they (the church & congregation)
should be agreed perfectly, and wish me (pretty hard) to stay.
Tonight; otherwise I should ^{all} go to Princeton; if I do not
to Boston. - But my path is so much light at present,
that I cannot say a word by the way of presence,
this much, that the people here receive me with cordiality
and apparent satisfaction. I have heard from Whitt-
sey. he does not like the place to Woodstock and refuses
to stay, or great while. The place Durham, is here occu-
pied, with Tobey, and he may stay there. - The next
Sabbath I shall go there to preach and if he does not
stay, I shall point out at Whittsey. - If you can write
me I wish you would. Does your revival go on? -
and does the volcano,ellow and send forth fire? Well
you will do as well as any body, to walk around the crater.
So from an old & classmate, & Br. James A. Smith

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Bro Phelps.

Saluays had the character of a headless fellow, as you very well know; but I have one redeeming quality; which you may not so very well know. I forgot to pay my part of the expenses, at Concord, and here I inclose, two of them, and make you pay a double hostage. I have preached here three Sabbaths, and how many more, I know not. What the people will do with me, I know not; but if I stay much longer, I must have up tools and so. This week, Thursday, I must go to Dover to preach an evening Lecture. I have already spoken of a man, at Hopkinton - two or three times; and mean to do it again; and if possible, persuade them to send for you. A good opportunity will be afforded me, this week, to use my influence. I shall always, feel indebted to you, for your advice, to me, on my preaching. I shall